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Serial No. : 09/749,345

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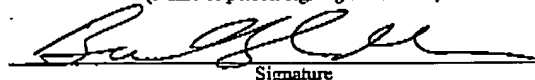
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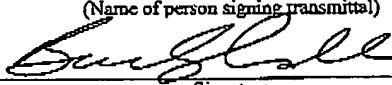
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on March 31, 2006, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on June 30, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.